



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: **Method of Fabricating an
Interconnect Structure Employing
Air Gaps Between Metal Lines and
Between Metal Layers**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 28, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.